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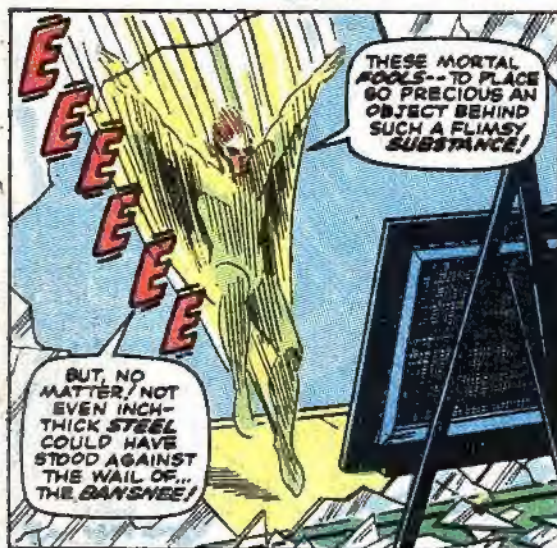
OH!! THAT NOISE-- WHAT IS IT?

I DON'T KNOW-- BUT, IT'S DEAFENING!

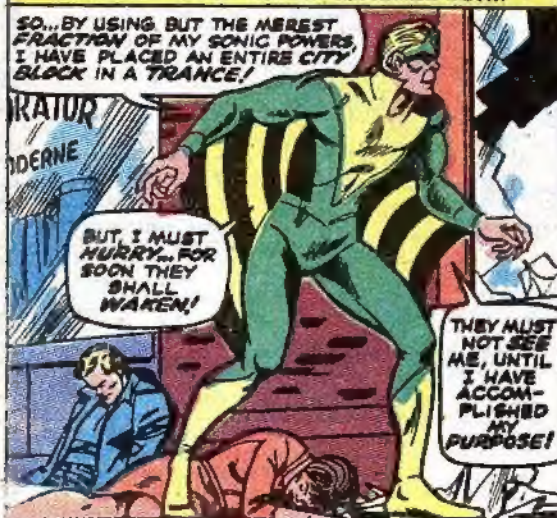
MY HEAD-- IT FEELS AS IF IT'S GOING TO BURST!

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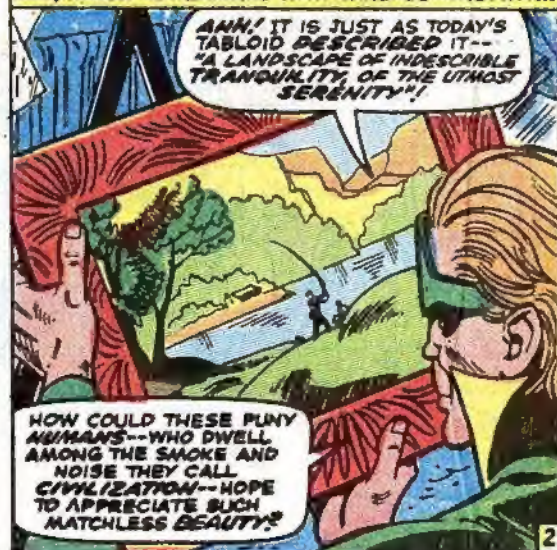
A MOMENT LATER, AS IF DRAWN TO HIS DESTINATION BY AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE, THE PLUMMETING FIGURE STREAKS TOWARDS AN ART GALLERY, AND...



NEXT, STEPPING PAST THE UNCONSCIOUS FORMS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN UNSUSPECTING WINDOW-SHOPPERS ONLY SECONDS BEFORE, THE STRANGELY-CLAD FIGURE REACHES OUT...



...AND PLUCKS FROM ITS BASEL A SINGLE PAINTING, WHICH HE REGARDS WITH CAREFUL SCRUTINY...



AFTER A MOMENT, THE BEWILDERING BANSHEE ONCE MORE TAKES TO THE AIR... AND, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE EFFECTS OF HIS EAR-PIERCING SHRIEK SEEM TO DISPEL...

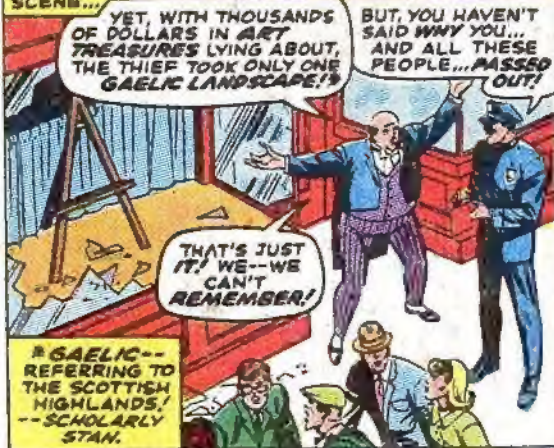


WH--WHAT HAPPENED? I WAS DISPLAYING OUR LATEST FRENCH IMPORTS TO MRS. VON BRAHMIN HERE, AND THEN--

OH--MR. JONES! LOOK--YOUR DISPLAY WINDOW!

GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S SMASHED--TO SMITHEREENS!

AND, SCARCELY SIXTY SECONDS LATER, AS A HASTILY SUMMONED POLICEMAN APPEARS ON THE SCENE...



YET, WITH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ART TREASURES LYING ABOUT, THE THIEF TOOK ONLY ONE GAELIC LANDSCAPE!

BUT, YOU HAVEN'T SAID WHY YOU... AND ALL THESE PEOPLE... PASSED OUT!

THAT'S JUST IT! WE--WE CAN'T REMEMBER!

*GAELIC-- REFERRING TO THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS! --SCHOLARLY STAN.

MEANWHILE, AT A SECLUDED PRIVATE SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, THE SUPER-POWERED X-MEN--UNMINDFUL OF THIS STRANGE OCCURRENCE--PURSUE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR OWN...



PROFESSOR, I KNOW YOU'VE USED YOUR MENTAL POWER TO INCREASE THE DURATION OF THE MIMIC'S ABILITIES.

NO, WARREN! THAT'S WHY I ORDERED HIM TO FLY IN EVER INCREASING CIRCLES AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL... SO THAT I COULD MONITOR HIS PROGRESS ON THIS M-INDICATOR!

BUT, ARE YOU SURE ITS EFFECTS ARE PERMANENT?

PERSONALLY, I'D JUST AS SOON HE KEPT ON GOING!

AND I MUST CONCUR, MY FROSTBITTEN FRIEND!



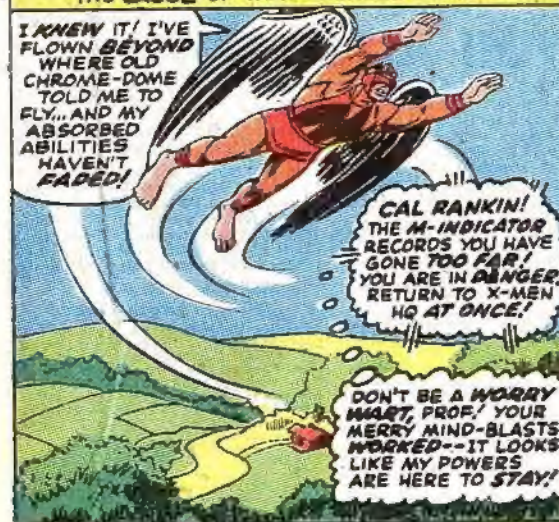
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRIVATE FEELINGS ABOUT CAL RANKIN MAY BE... DON'T FORGET, ALL OF YOU, THAT HE HAS AGREED TO HELP US AGAINST THE MUTANT MENACE WHICH CEREBRO HAS DETECTED!

WHEN THAT CONFLICT COMES, WE'LL NEED ALL THE POWER THAT--WAIT! THAT FLASHING BLIP!

WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR?

THAT INDICATES THAT CALVIN HAS EXCEEDED THE LIMITS I PLACED ON HIM! EVEN NOW, HE'S LEAVING THE CONTROL AREA!

AND NOW, FAITHFUL ONE, SO THAT YOU ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE FULL MEANING OF CHARLES XAVIER'S WORDS, LET'S SKIP A FEW MILES AHEAD TO THE CAUSE OF THAT OMINOUS BLIP...



I KNEW IT! I'VE FLOWN BEYOND WHERE OLD CHROME-DOME TOLD ME TO FLY... AND MY ABSORBED ABILITIES HAVEN'T FADED!

CAL RANKIN! THE M-INDICATOR RECORDS YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR! YOU ARE IN DANGER! RETURN TO X-MEN HQ AT ONCE!

DON'T BE A WORRY WART, PROF! YOUR MERRY MIND-BLASTS WORKED--IT LOOKS LIKE MY POWERS ARE HERE TO STAY!



BUT, EVEN AS THE EXUBERANT MIMIC GLOATS...

MY WINGS-- THEY'RE STARTIN' TO SHRINK!

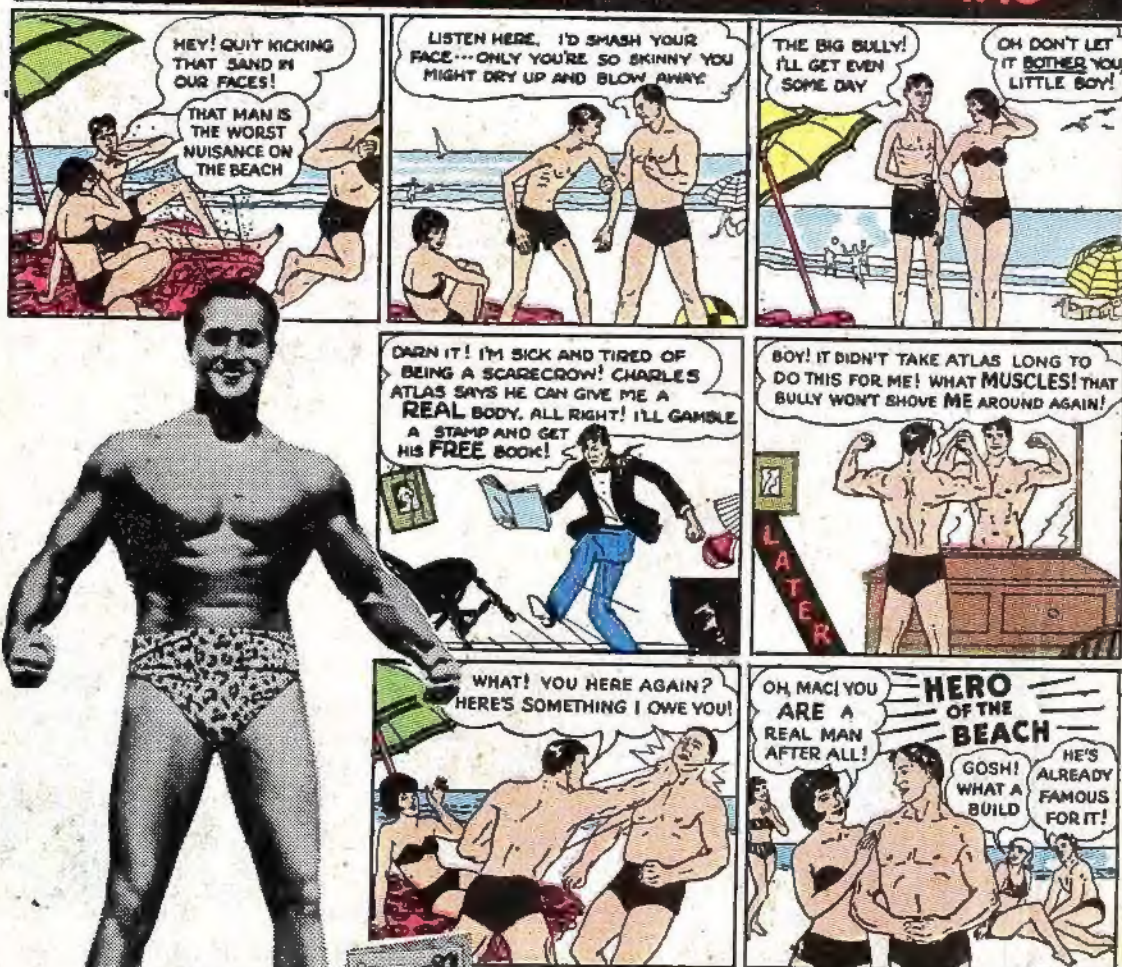
CAN'T KEEP ALOFT--I'M FALLING!

HELP ME XAVIER! HELP--!

USE YOUR REMAINING POWER TO TURN AROUND, MIMIC! QUICKLY--IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!

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THEN, STRAINING HIS FAST-VANISHING WINGS TO THE UTMOST, THE DESPERATE TEENAGER MANAGES A LAST-SECOND ABOUT-FACE, AND...



I MADE IT! WITH ONLY INCHES TO SPARE, BUT I MADE IT!

SO--MY POWERS AREN'T PERMANENT, AFTER ALL! TO RETAIN 'EM, I HAFTA STAY WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF THE X-MEN!

THE NEXT MOMENT, AS HE FEELS HIS ADAPTED ABILITIES RETURNING, CAL RANKIN IS FILLED WITH AN OVERWHELMING FEELING OF EXULTATION...



BUT, WHY THE BIG PANIC?

THE MAIN THING IS, I'M STILL AS POWERFUL AS ALL THE OTHER X-MEN PUT TOGETHER!

AND, AS LONG AS I AM, I'M GONNA BE TOP BANANA WITH THAT BUNCH OF MUTANT MISFITS--AND THAT'S FOR SURE!

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BACK AT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS...



HERE COMES OUR ERRANT GRANDSTANDER NOW-- BACK TO REGALE US WITH AN ACCOUNT OF HIS HAIR-BREADTH ESCAPE, NO DOUBT!

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE CALVIN, HANK! HE'S BASICALLY A FINE PERSON, EVEN IF HE IS A BIT HEADSTRONG!

CALLIN' HIM HEADSTRONG IS LIKE CALLIN' A HURRICANE A SLIGHT BREEZE...

BUT, WHATEVER YOU SAY, PROFESSOR!

WELL, PROF, HOW'D I DO? WAS I GREAT, OR WAS I MARVELOUS!



THE TEST PROVED THAT I'VE SUCCEEDED IN INCREASING THE RANGE OF YOUR POWERS... BUT, WHY DID YOU EXCEED THE PROSCRIBED LIMITS?

I DUNNO-- I GUESS I JUST FELT LIKE IT!

BESIDES, WHAT'S THE DIFF? WE BOTH LEARNED WHAT WE WANTED TO KNOW, DIDN'T WE?

WE'LL DISCUSS THE MATTER LATER, CAL! RIGHT NOW, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO CHECK CEREBRO... AND SEE IF IT'S LOCATED ANY NEW MUTANTS!

SCOTT, I'LL NEED SOME HELP IN FEEDING IT SOME PERTINENT DATA, IN A FEW MINUTES!

I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR!

AS FOR YOU, RANKIN, I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU--RIGHT NOW!



OKAY, SUMMERS, LET'S HAVE IT OUT! WHAT'S ON YOUR LITTLE MIND?

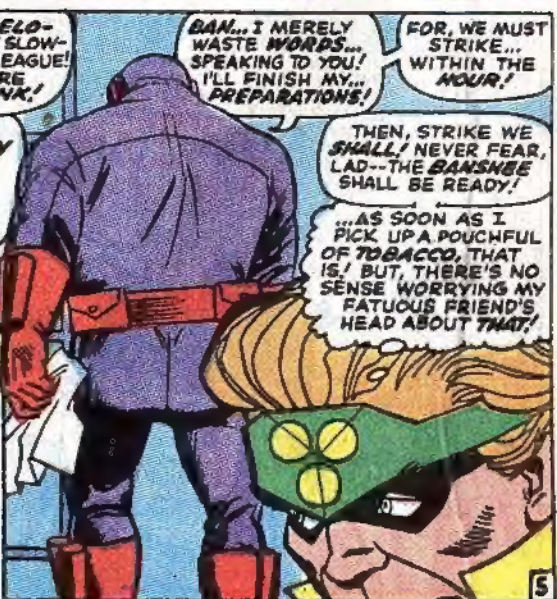
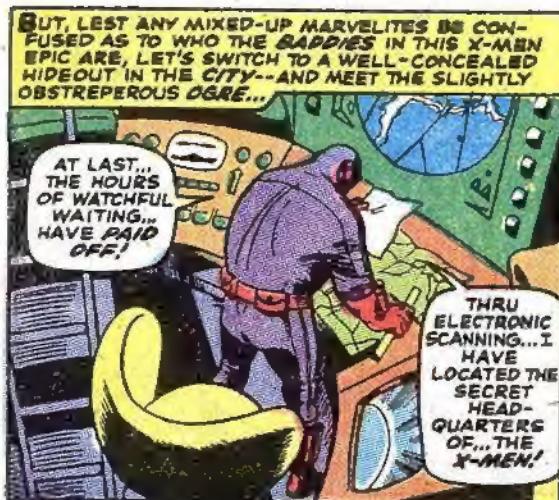
MAYBE PROFESSOR XAVIER DOESN'T FEEL LIKE CALLING YOU DOWN-- BUT I DO! AS DEPUTY LEADER OF THE X-MEN, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO TAKE ORDERS AS WELL AS GIVE THEM!

FLAKE OFF, BRIGHT EYES! YOU'RE JUST BEEFIN' 'CAUSE YOU MUFFED YOUR OWN SHOT AT RAMRODDIN' THAT KOOKY CREW!



AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T ME THAT WOUNDED THE ANGEL WITH AN OPTIC BLAST!

OKAY, MIMIC... SCORE ONE FOR YOU! BUT, I WARN YOU... YOU'RE RIDING FOR A FALL-- A HARD ONE!



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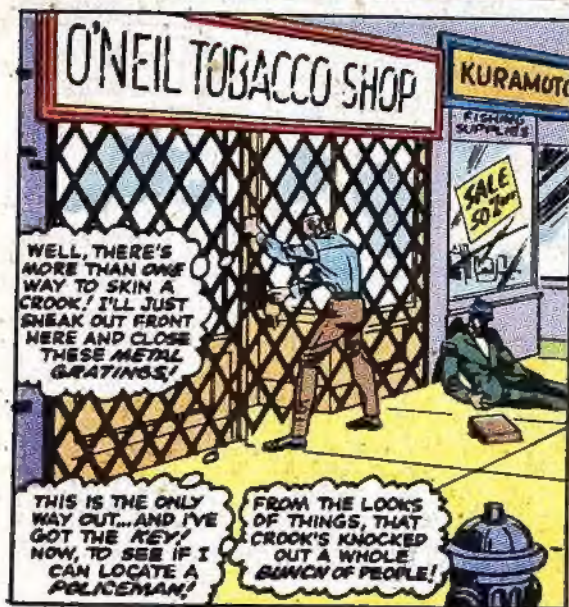
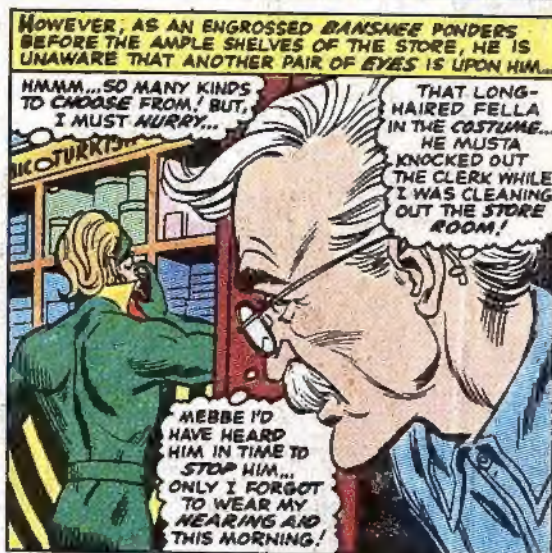
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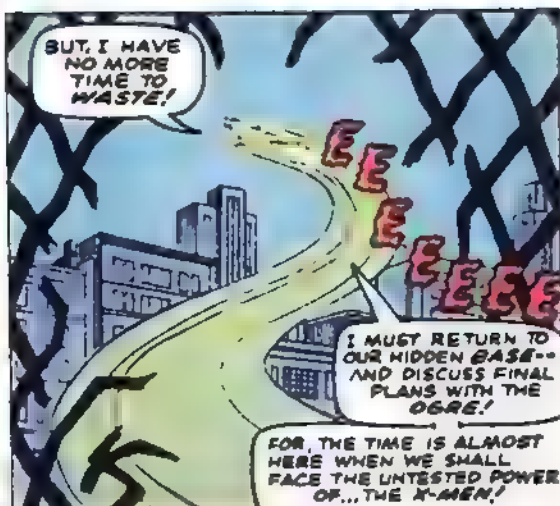
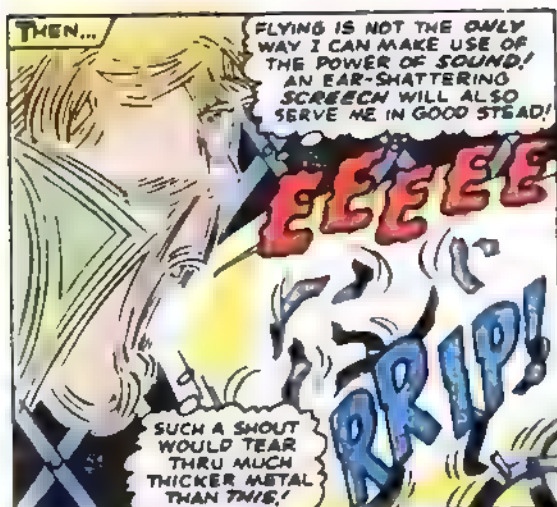
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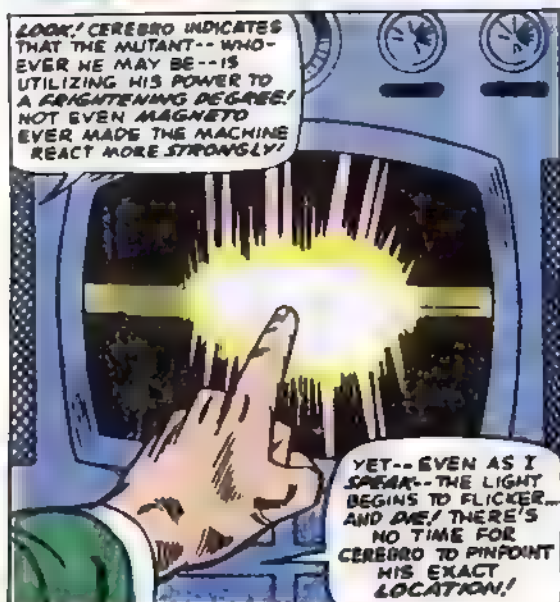
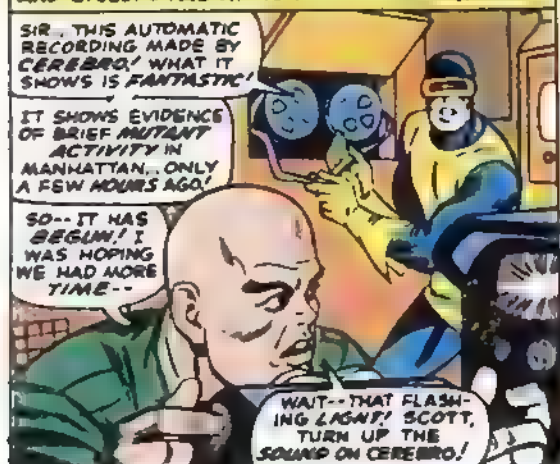
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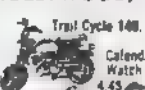
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AT THAT SAME MOMENT, SOME MILES AWAY LOVELY JEAN GREY IS ENJOYING AN INDIAN SUMMER AFTER-NOON ON THE CAMPUS OF METRO COLLEGE, WHEN...

WHAT IS IT, TED? ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU SEEM SO STRANGELY PENSIVE... SO THOUGHTFUL!

IT'S... NOTHING, JEAN... JUST SOME NEWS IN THIS LETTER FROM HOME!

AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BROTHER RALPH IS THE FAMILY PRIDE AND JOY! EVERYTHING HE DOES TURNS OUT A SUCCESS!

ME, I'M JUST A COLLEGE STUDENT... AND AN ENGLISH LIT MAJOR, BESIDES! HOW CAN I EVER HOPE TO COMPETE WITH HIM?

WHO SAYS YOU HAVE TO COMPETE WITH YOUR BROTHER, TED? IS THERE SOME SORT OF FAMILY RIVALRY BETWEEN YOU TWO?

NO... NOT REALLY! IT'S JUST THAT.

LISTEN! ON THE RADIO...

DARN!... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I MIGHT LEARN WHY TED DRIVES HIMSELF SO HARD!

NEWS BULLETIN... CITY POLICE ARE BAFLED TODAY BY A PAIR OF MYSTERIOUS MENTAL BLACKOUTS WHICH HAVE STRUCK WHOLE SECTIONS OF MIDTOWN MANHATTAN!...

ON WAKING FROM SEM-HYPNOTIC TRANCES, THE PERSONS AFFECTED CAN REMEMBER NOTHING... EXCEPT A WEIRD, HIGH-PITCHED SOUND...

WHAT ON EARTH...?

WAIT... THERE'S MORE!

THE TWO PERIODS WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY A COSTUMED CRIMINAL... WHO WAS SEEN BY A HALF-DEAF JANITOR, THE ONLY PERSON UNAFFECTED BY THE SOUNDS!

HOWEVER, THE ONLY ITEMS STOLEN DURING THE MENTAL BLACKOUTS WERE A SCOTTISH PAINTING... AND SOME IMPORTED TOBACCO!

I WONDER... COULD THIS BE THE MUTANT MENACE WHICH PROFESSOR X HAS BEEN EXPECTING?

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY... FOR, WHY WOULD A SUPER-POWERED MUTANT STEAL A PAINTING AND TOBACCO?

AND YET, THESE RAIDS MAY HAVE BEEN ONLY TESTS... PART OF SOME DEADLY PLAN...

THERE'S MORE TO THAT NEWS STORY THAN MEETS THE EYE! I HOPE SOMEBODY LOOKS INTO IT!

DON'T WORRY, TED! I'VE A HUNCH SOMEONE WILL... AND SOON!

SOME TIME LATER, AS DUSK FALLS OVER THE SPRAWLING CITY, THE WALLS OF A SMALL PREFABRICATED BUILDING ON A PRIVATELY-OWNED DOCK FALL AWAY... TO REVEAL A MYSTERIOUS METALLIC CYLINDER! AND, AT PRECISELY THE SAME INSTANT...

OUR PYRO-PROJECTOR HAS DONE ITS WORK... CAUSING A FIVE-ALARM FIRE AMONG THOSE ABANDONED WAREHOUSES ACROSS THE BAY!

IN THE CONFUSION, THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF ANYONE OBSERVING OUR ROCKET-SHAPED CAPSULE AS IT COMES OUT OF HIDING!

BUT FIRST, SINCE THE BANSHEE CAUSED HAVOC IN THE CITY EARLIER TODAY, I MIGHT AS WELL LEARN IF HIS MAIL HAS HAD ITS USUAL EFFECT!

I'LL TUNE IN THE COMMERCIAL TV CHANNELS!

AND SO...

...THE MOST UNUSUAL THING ABOUT THE SUDDEN BLAZE IS THAT SEVERAL BYSTANDERS HAVE BECOME INEXPLICABLY TERRIFIED BY THE SOUNDS OF POLICE-SIRENS AND FIRE ALARMS!

THE PEOPLE AFFECTED SEEM TO HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON... EXCEPT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN DURING ONE OF THE TWO "MENTAL BLACKOUTS" THAT OCCURRED THIS AFTERNOON!

WHAT? DID THAT MISERABLE MUTANT VENTURE OUTSIDE THE CAPSULE TWICE WHILE I WAS BUSY?

IF SO, FACTOR THREE SHALL LEARN OF HIS FOLLY!

THEN, DESCENDING TO THE LOWER LEVEL...

BAN! NO USE ASKING THAT COSTUMED CLOWN!

BESIDES, THERE IS NO NEED! WITHIN THE HOUR, WE SHOULD ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION AND DEPART!

BANSHEE... THE TIME HAS COME! WE ARE READY TO PROCEED!

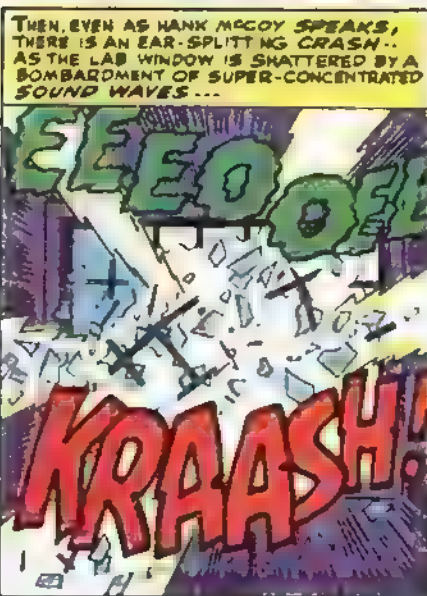
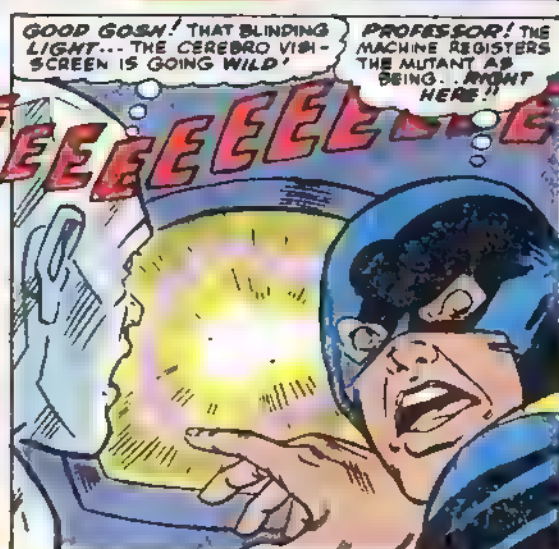
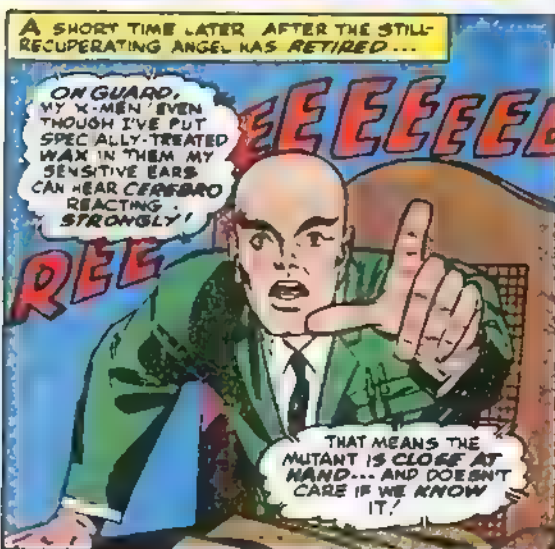
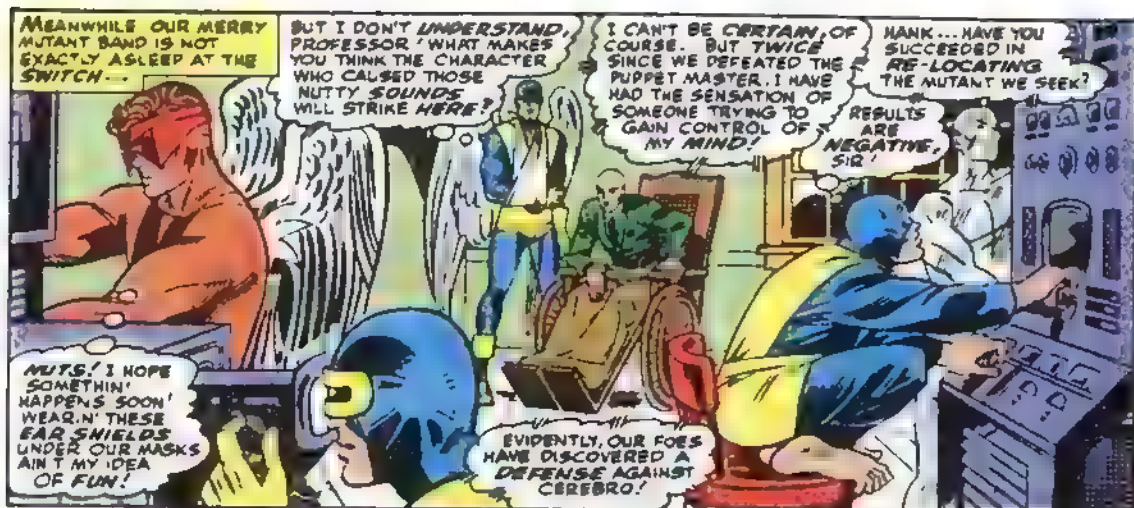
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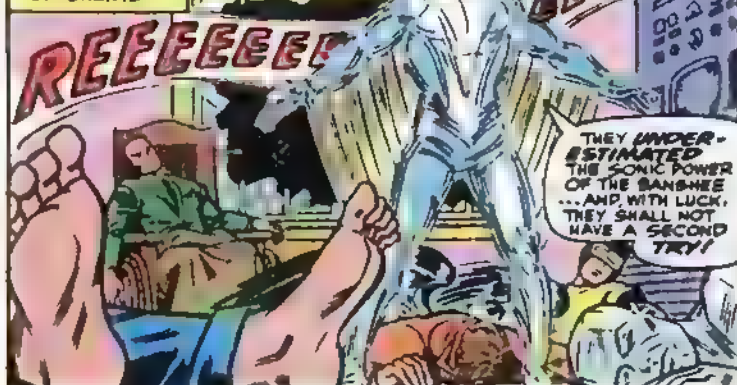
THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD IS DOOMED...

AND, IT WILL NOT BE AWARE OF IT UNTIL... TOO LATE!

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THUS, ONLY MOMENTS AFTER IT HAS BEGUN THE BANSHEE'S FIRST ATTACK IS FINISHED... AND HE STANDS, VICTORIOUS, OVER THE FALLEN FORMS OF HIS UNCONSCIOUS OPPONENTS...



SO... THESE ARE THE FAMOUS X-MEN!

THEY UNDER-ESTIMATED THE SONIC POWER OF THE BANSHEE... AND WITH LUCK, THEY SHALL NOT HAVE A SECOND TRY!

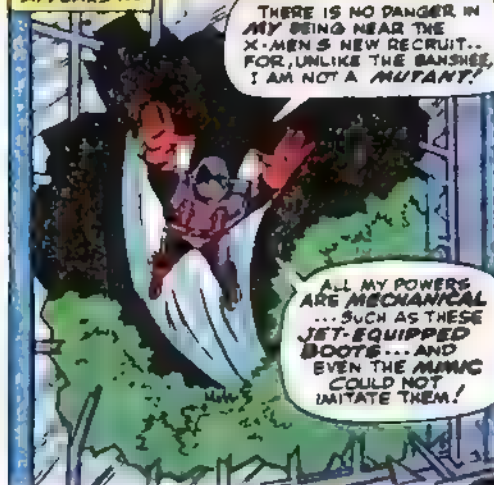
THEN, AFTER THE SHRIeking CEREMONY HAS BEEN SILENCED...

MY TASK IS DONE, OGRE! NOW, THE REST IS UP TO YOU!

YES! YOU MUST LEAVE QUICKLY... BEFORE YOUR POWER IS ABSORBED BY THE MIMIC!

FOR, THEN, HE WOULD BE IMMUNE TO YOUR BLASTS... AND MIGHT AWAKEN!

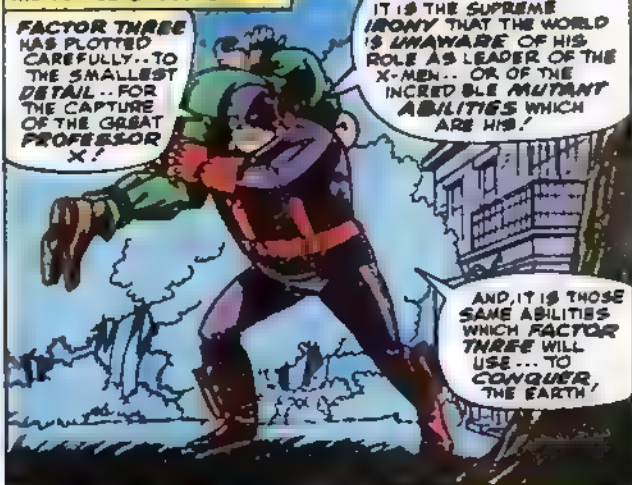
AND, SCARCELY HAS THE BANEFUL BANSHEE DEPARTED, WHEN A SECOND FLYING FIGURE APPEARS...



THERE IS NO DANGER IN MY BEING NEAR THE X-MEN'S NEW RECRUIT... FOR, UNLIKE THE BANSHEE, I AM NOT A MUTANT!

ALL MY POWERS ARE MECHANICAL... SUCH AS THESE JET-EQUIPPED BOOTS... AND EVEN THE MIMIC COULD NOT IMITATE THEM!

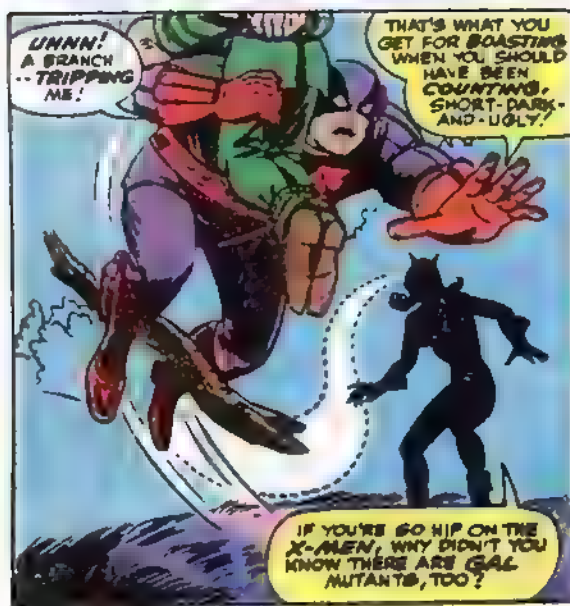
WITHIN MINUTES, THE OXLIKE OGRE EMERGES FROM THE SCHOOL, WITH A SECURELY-BOUND PRISONER ACROSS HIS AMPLE SHOULDER...



FACTOR THREE HAS PLOTTED CAREFULLY... TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL... FOR THE CAPTURE OF THE GREAT PROFESSOR X!

IT IS THE SUPREME IRONY THAT THE WORLD IS UNAWARE OF HIS ROLE AS LEADER OF THE X-MEN... OR OF THE INCREDIBLE MUTANT ABILITIES WHICH ARE HIS!

AND, IT IS THOSE SAME ABILITIES WHICH FACTOR THREE WILL USE... TO CONQUER THE EARTH!



UHHN! A BRANCH... TRIPPING ME!

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BOASTING WHEN YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN COUNTING, SHORT-DARK-AND-UGLY!

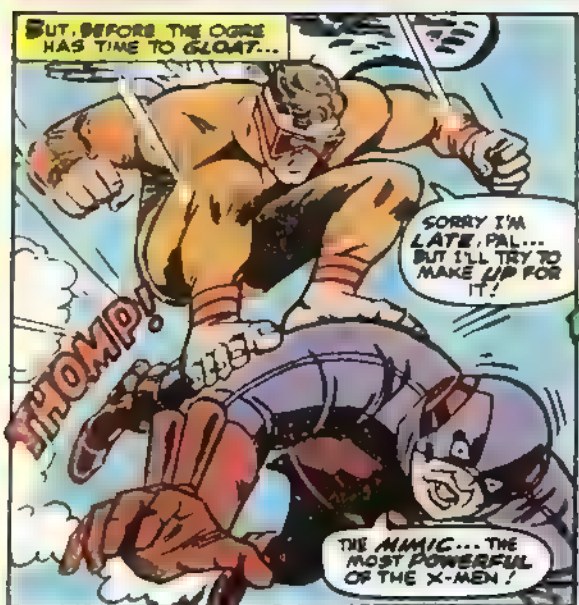
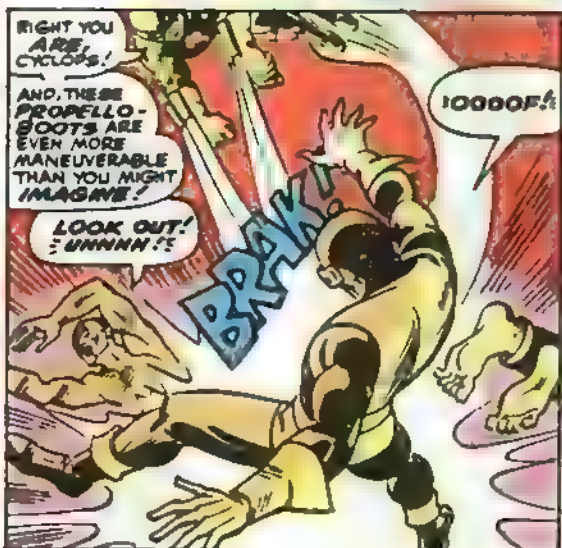
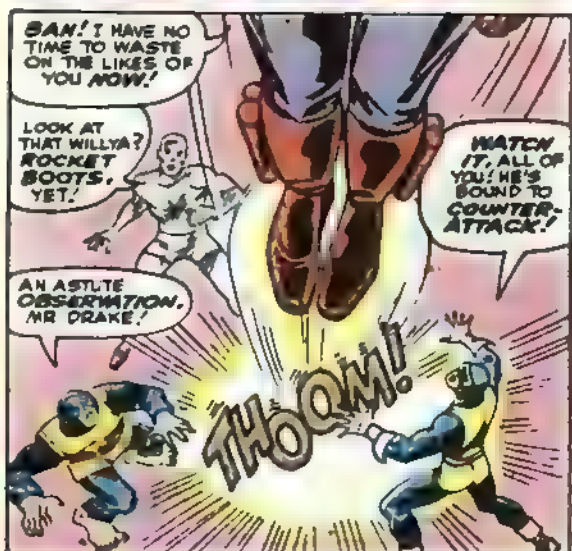
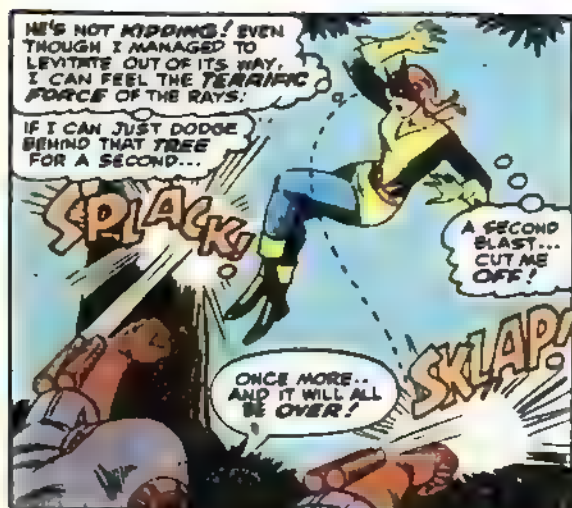
IF YOU'RE SO HIP ON THE X-MEN, WHY DIDN'T YOU KNOW THERE ARE GAL MUTANTS, TOO?

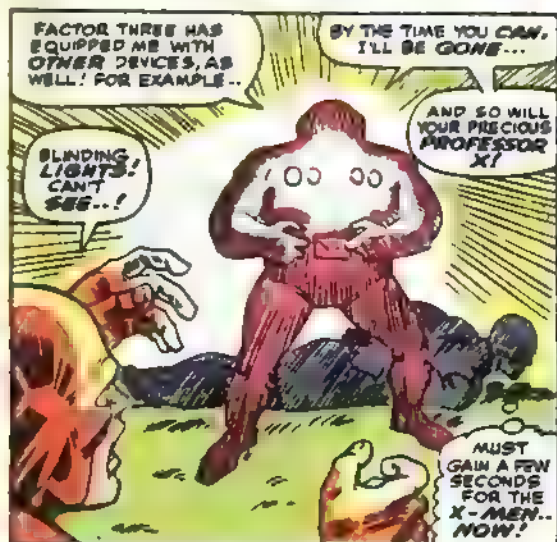
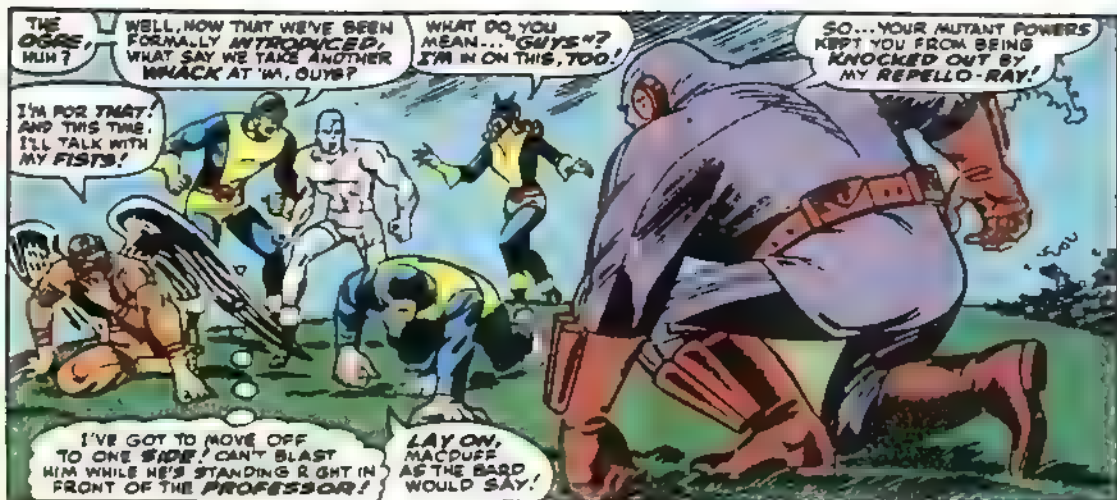


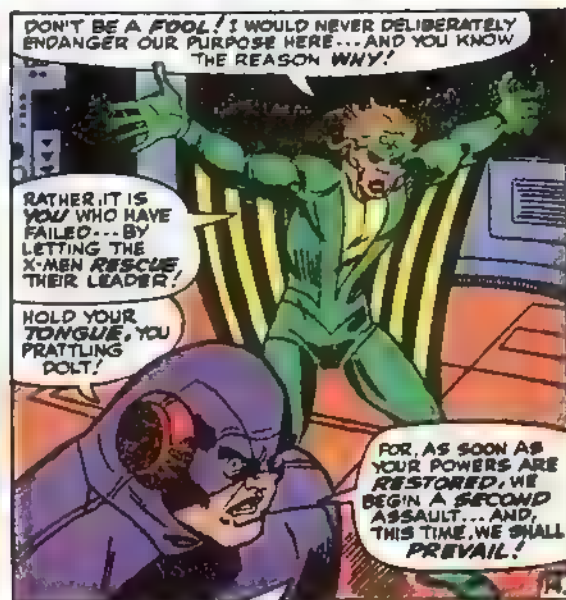
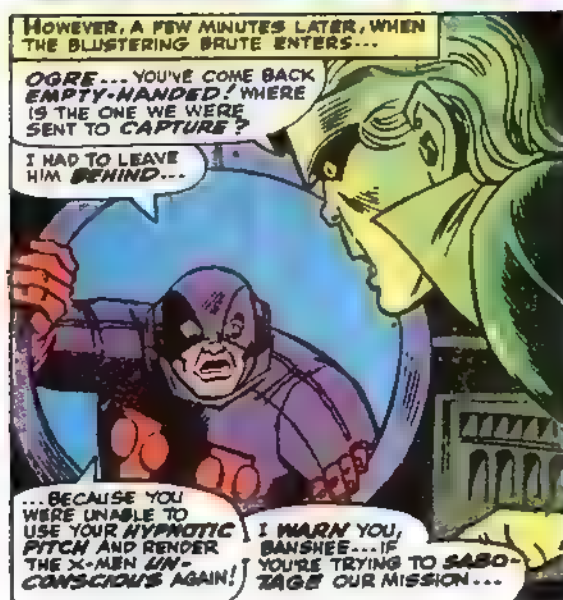
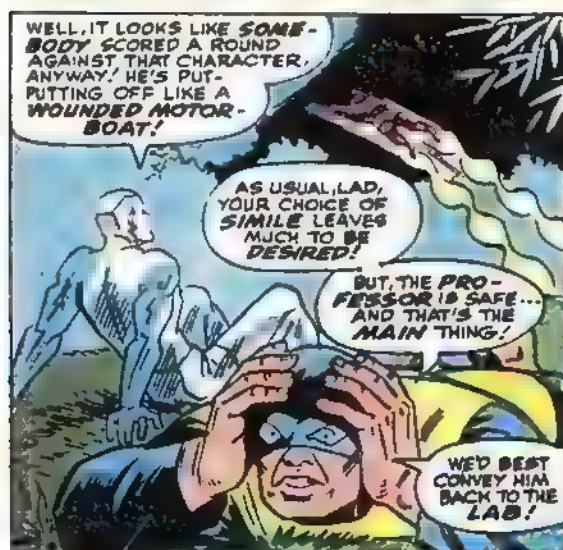
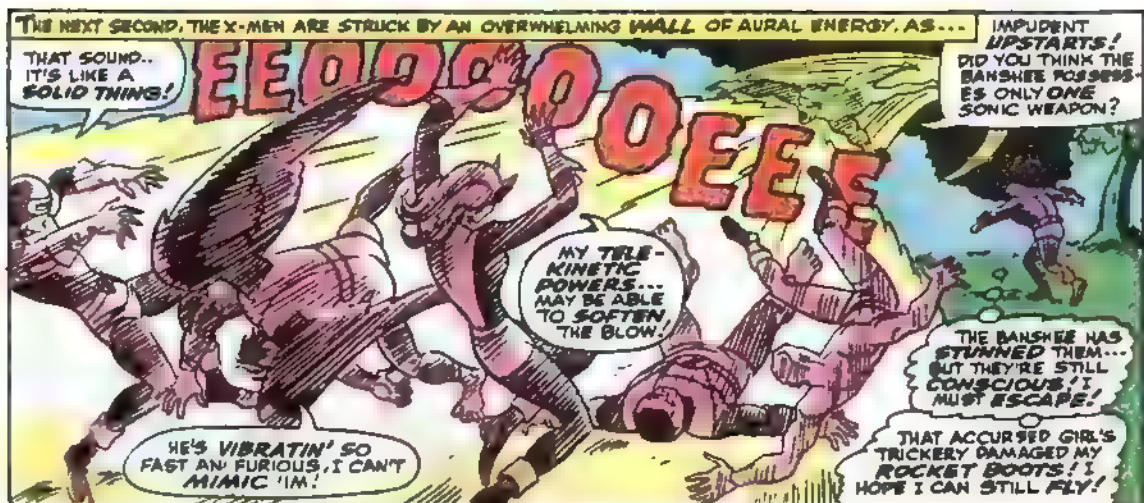
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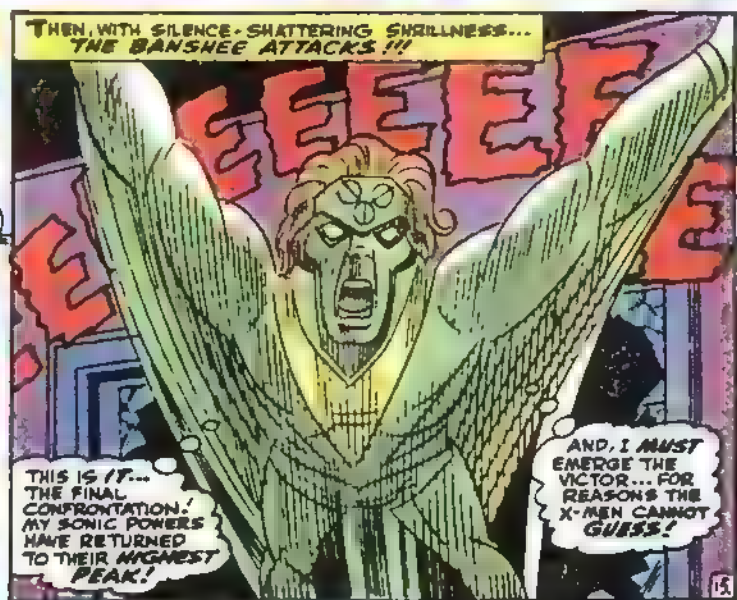
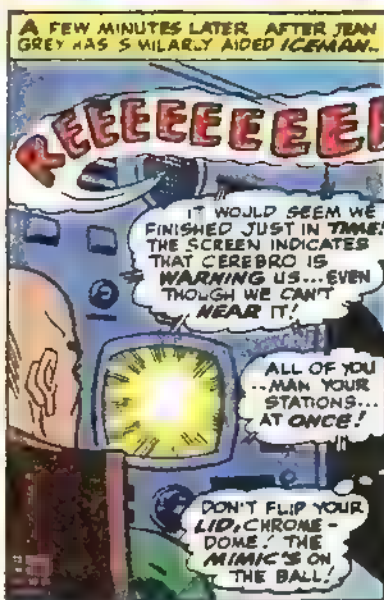
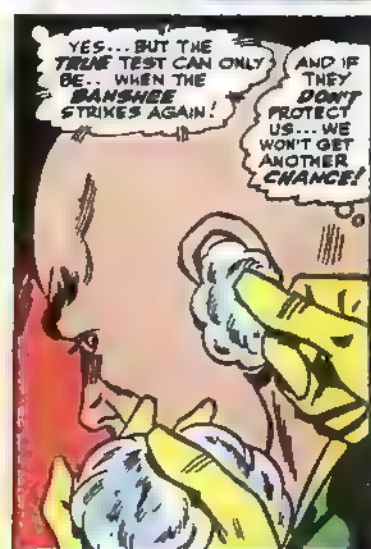
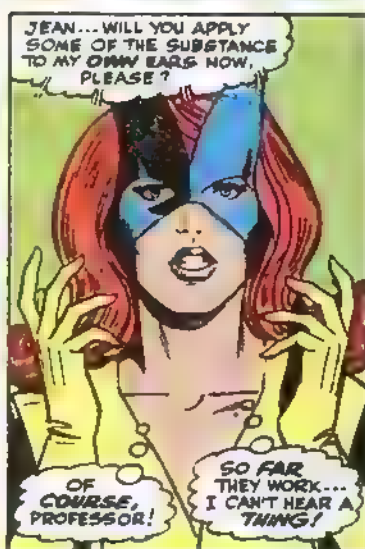
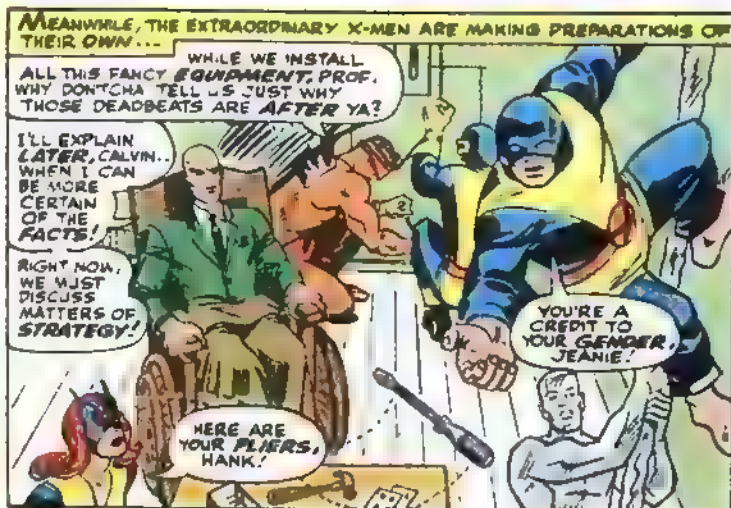
BUT, THE OGRE WILL NOT BE THWARTED BY ONE LONE FEMALE... EVEN A SUPER-POWERED ONE!

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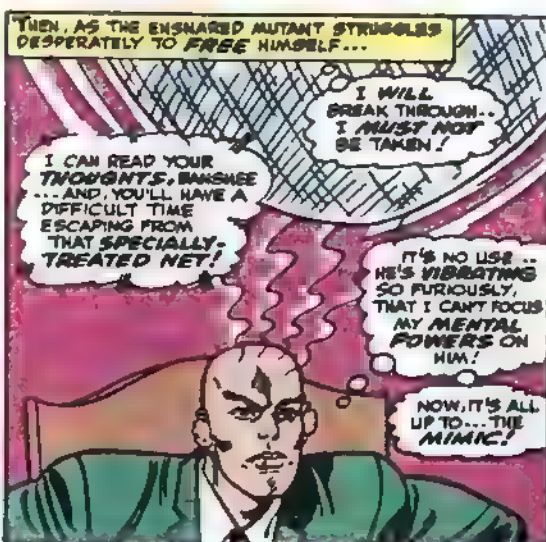
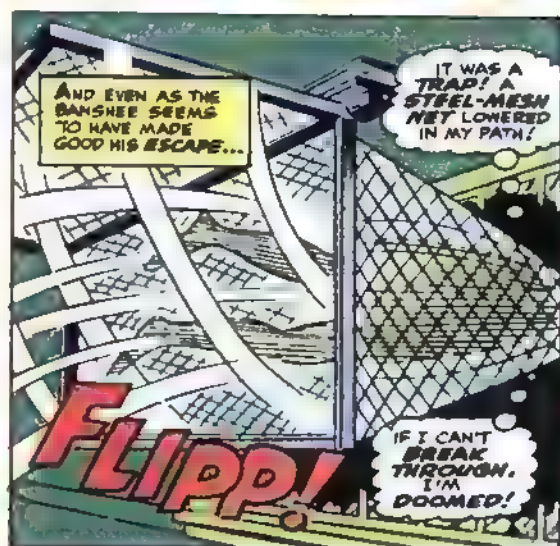
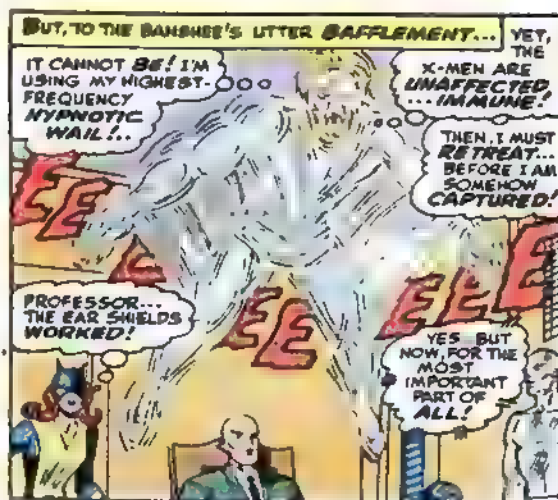
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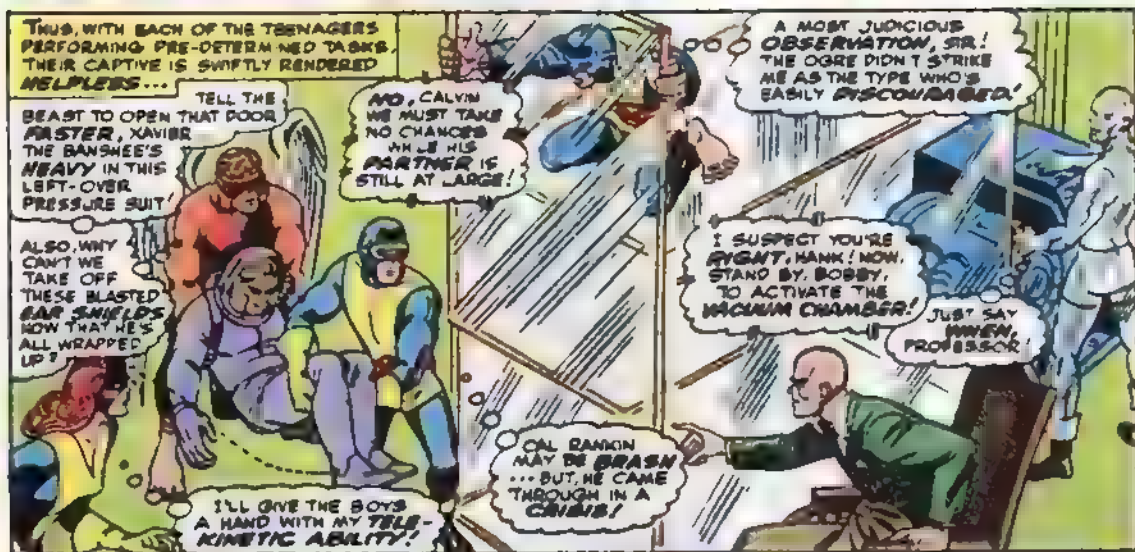
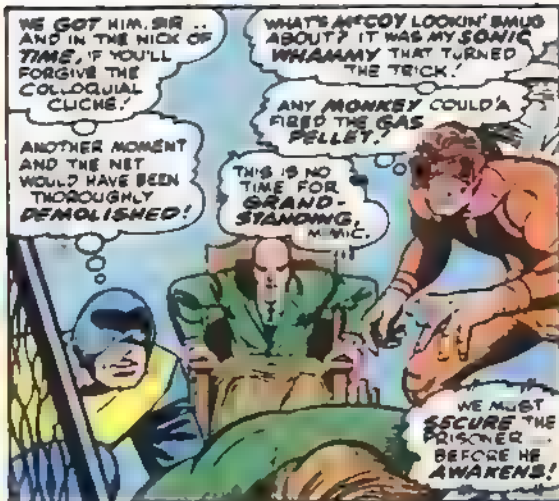
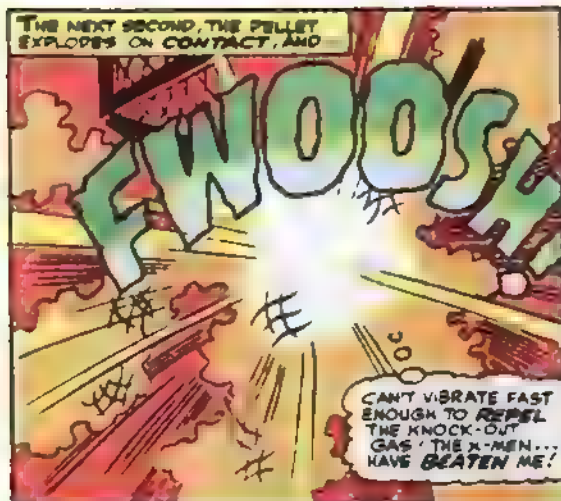
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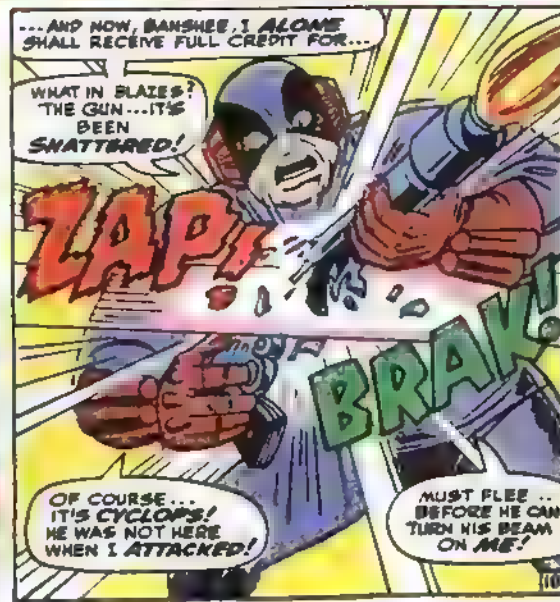
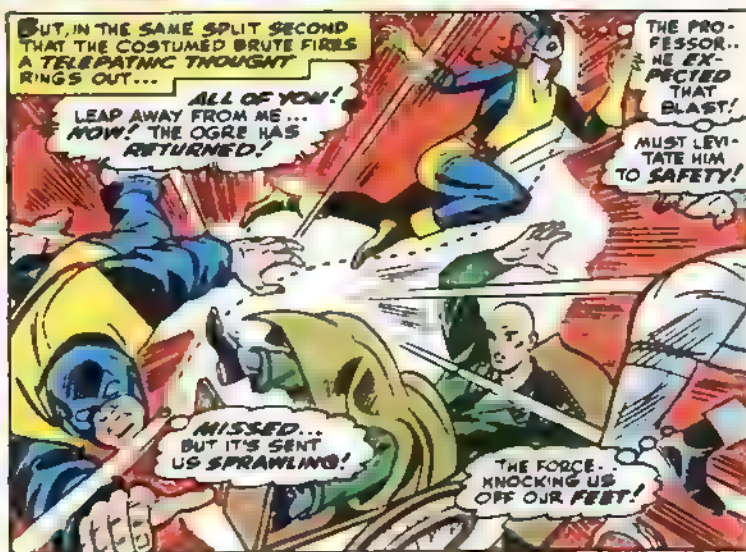
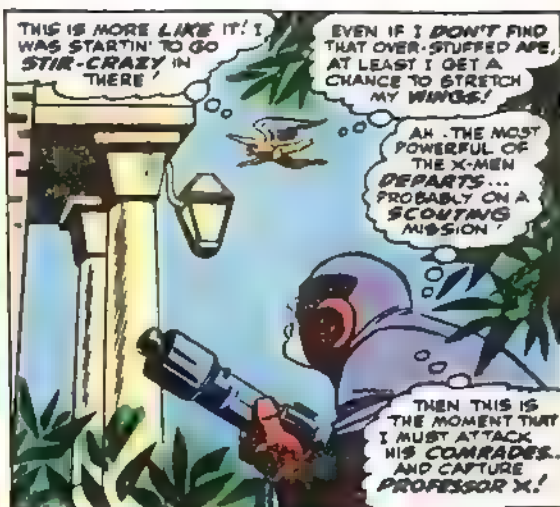
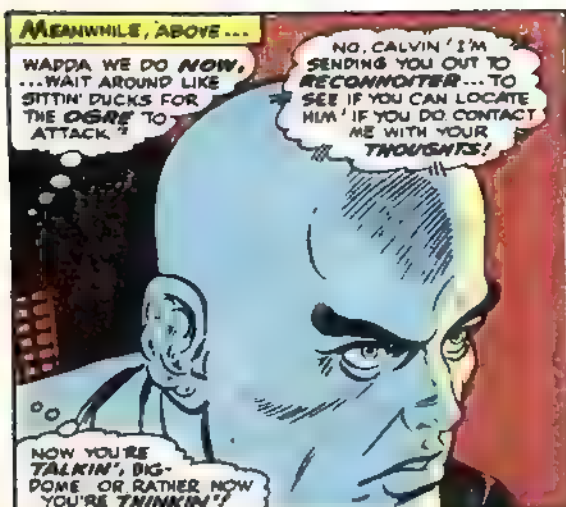
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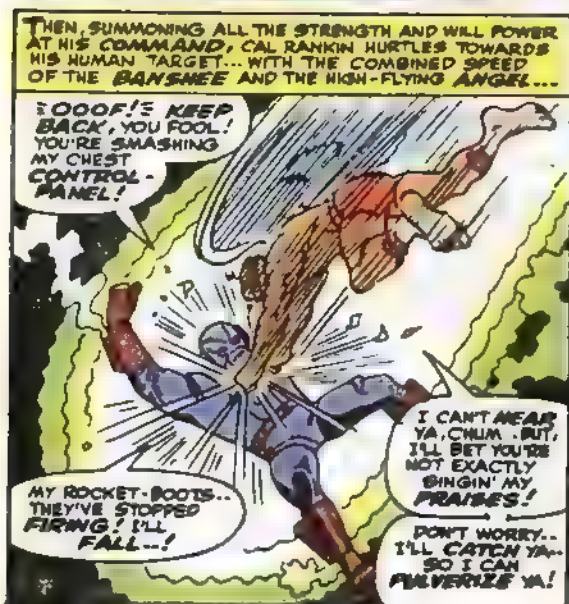
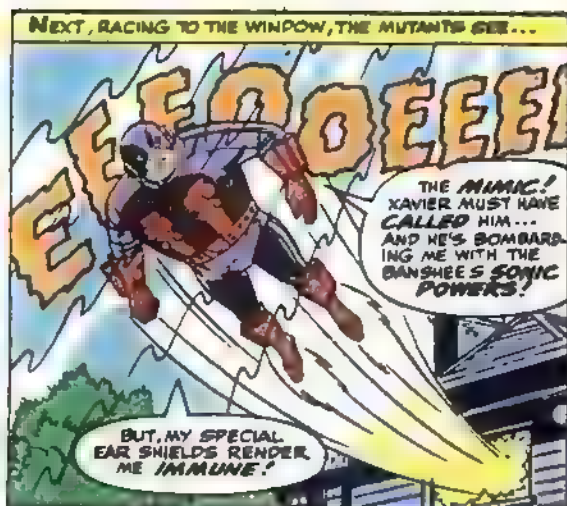
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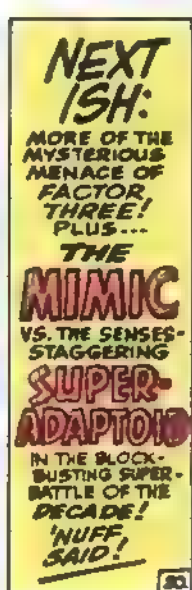
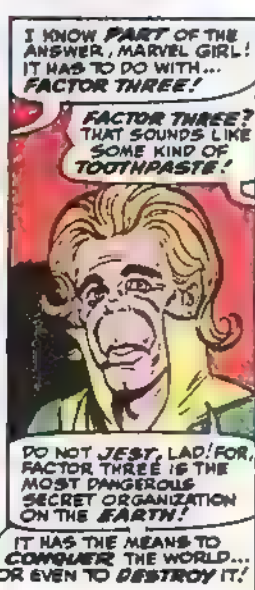
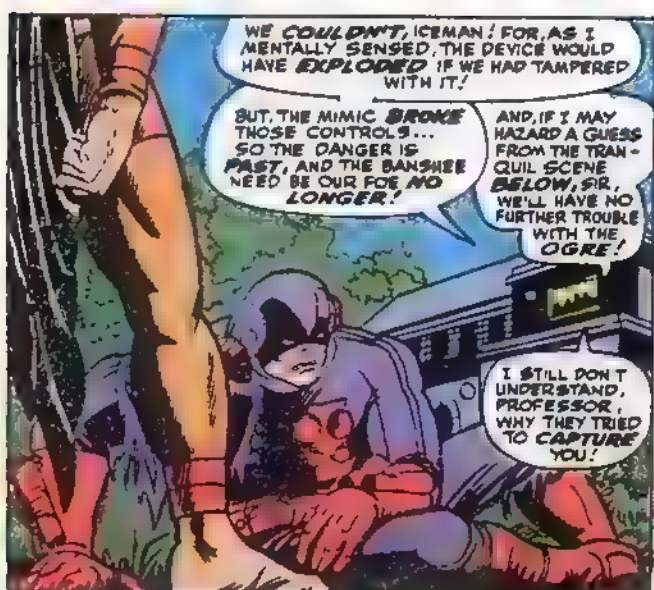
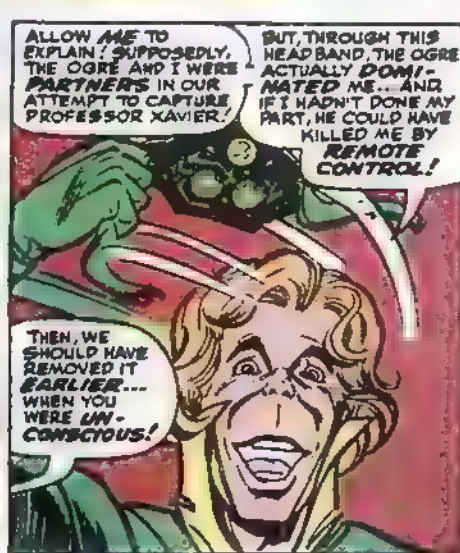
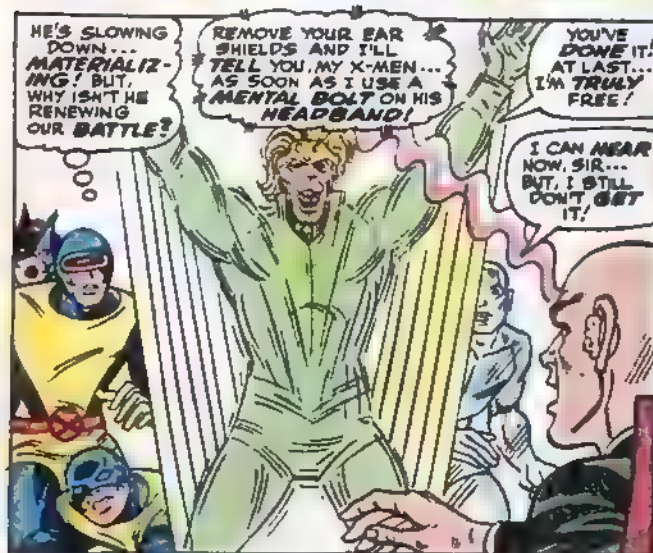
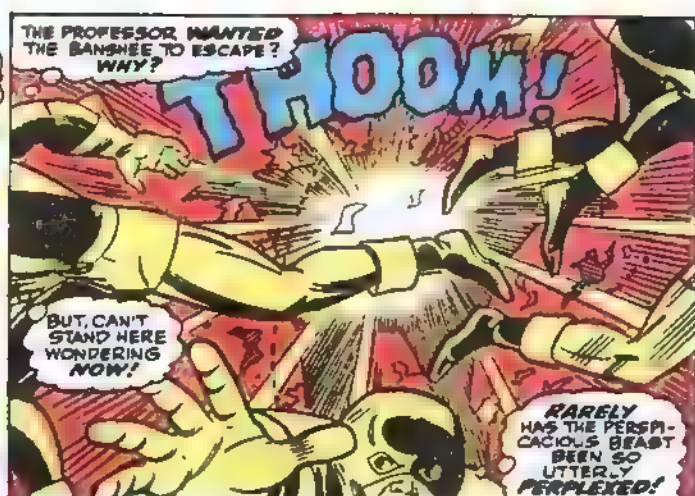
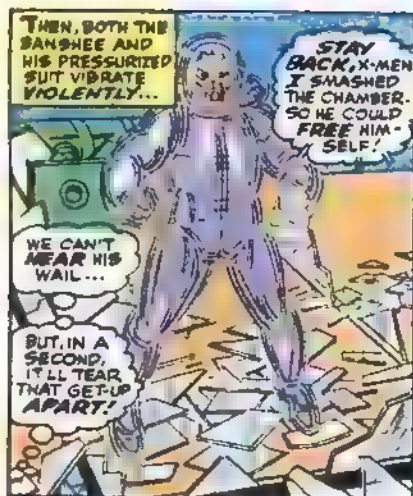
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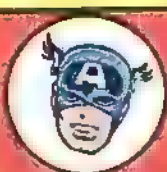




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ITEM: Here's the scoop of the year! This pungent paragraph is being penned a day before Xmas, 1971. But, by the time you read it, Jan. 5th, '72, will have come and gone. What's the big deal about Jan. 5th? Nothing much, except — that's the date that New York's world-famous Carnegie Hall presents "A MARVELOUS EVENING WITH STAN LEE"! Yep, it's for real! On Jan. 5th we're slated to bring the whole blushin' Bullpen before the footlights in a star-studded show paying homage to our Marvel-ous mixed-up menage of comix and their cavortin' creators! (It's spooky how we're writing about it in the future tense, but it'll be past history by the time you get to read this!) Anyway, by the time we write next issue's Bullpen Bulletin, our super-production at Carnegie Hall will be behind us, so we'll be able to tell you everything that happened — and, knowing us, you can be sure we will! — That is, if we're not busy rehearsing for a command performance at the Palladium by then!

ITEM! Speaking of things you flame-keepers are always asking us, this seems like as good a time as any to clue you in as to the exact personnel of Mighty Marvel's editorial staff. STAN'S the Editor and Art Director, natch — aided and abetted (whatever that means) by Rascally ROY THOMAS, who basks in the title of Associate Editor. What with all the new Marvel madness we've got planned, though, we've had to line up a handful of stalwarts to help Stan, Roy, and Production Manager JOHN VERPOORTEN keep things moving along, so we've now got a trio of awesome Assistant Editors as well. First, there's Sterling STEVE ENGLEHART, whom you read about last ish; next, there's Merry GERRY CONWAY, who helps out as needed in addition to his scripting chores; and last but not least, there's the newest addition to our harried little staff, Melancholy MIKE FRIEDRICH. Mike's a recent college grad from Santa Clara, California, but don't worry about the Melancholy One being too young... nothing can age a guy like a stint in the batty Bullpen

ITEM! Mike's first task for Marvel, by the way, was to pen a bunch of all-new western epics for our great OUTLAW KID mag. If you wanna see what might've happened to the ever-amazing Spider-Man if he'd been born about a century earlier — well, just pick up O.K. and see what we mean, huh? Artwork's by Darlin' DICK AYERS, who's also been laboring with GARY (No Relation) FRIEDRICH on the sizzling first issue of a new war-mag called COMBAT KELLY AND THE DEADLY DOZEN — now on sale, natch! All right, pilgrim — got everything straight now? Good — 'cause next month we'll add another new title or two to our litin' lineup — and then we'll really start moving!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hey, remember all the immodest expressions we bombarded you with in the early days when Marvel was just a'bornin'? Our first and best-known phrase was, of course, "The Marvel Age of Comics," after which we slyly suggested that you always say "Make Mine Marvel" when ordering anything from a comic-book to an aardvark. Then, before you had a chance to duck, we whumped you with "Marvel's On The Move Again!" A lot of you used to write to us, saying "Okay, okay, we know we're on the move again, but where in the name of Aunt Petunia are we going?" We'd answer that we have a zillion ideas for new mags and new heroes, but we never seemed to have enough time, or a large enough staff to grind 'em out. And we suspect a lot of you thought we were putting you on. But now it's a different ball game! We've been working like mad to corral some of the best new artists and writers to come down the pike — and we've finally swung it! That means we're about to take all those zingy ideas we've been keeping the lid on and bring them to life for you at last! So hang loose, heroes, and watch our smoke! Marvel's set to bust loose now, and that means the wondrous world of fantasy won't ever be the same!

Excelsior!



ITEM! Lots of special issues this time, people! Roy and Bashful BARRY SMITH really went all-out on AVENGERS #100, which features every Marvel hero who's ever been an Avenger — and that's a long, long list! • Here's a nostalgic note: Wild BILL EVERETT, who created the SUB-MARINER many moons ago, has both written and drawn the fabulous 50th issue of Namor's own mag, now on sale! • Even ol' Stan got into the act, writing most of the current 200th ish of THOR. Sure, we know the first 82 issues were named JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY and didn't really feature our awesome Thunder God — but an anniversary is an anniversary! • Speaking of which, we hear that Larrupin' LARRY LIEBER has something special planned for the now-on-sale 100th issue of our best-selling RAWHIDE KID mag — but he never got around to telling us what it is! Find out for yourself, troops!

ITEM! Due to a last-minute delay or two, our new bombshell LUKE CAGE, HERO FOR HIRE is on sale this time around instead of last month. Get it, hear?



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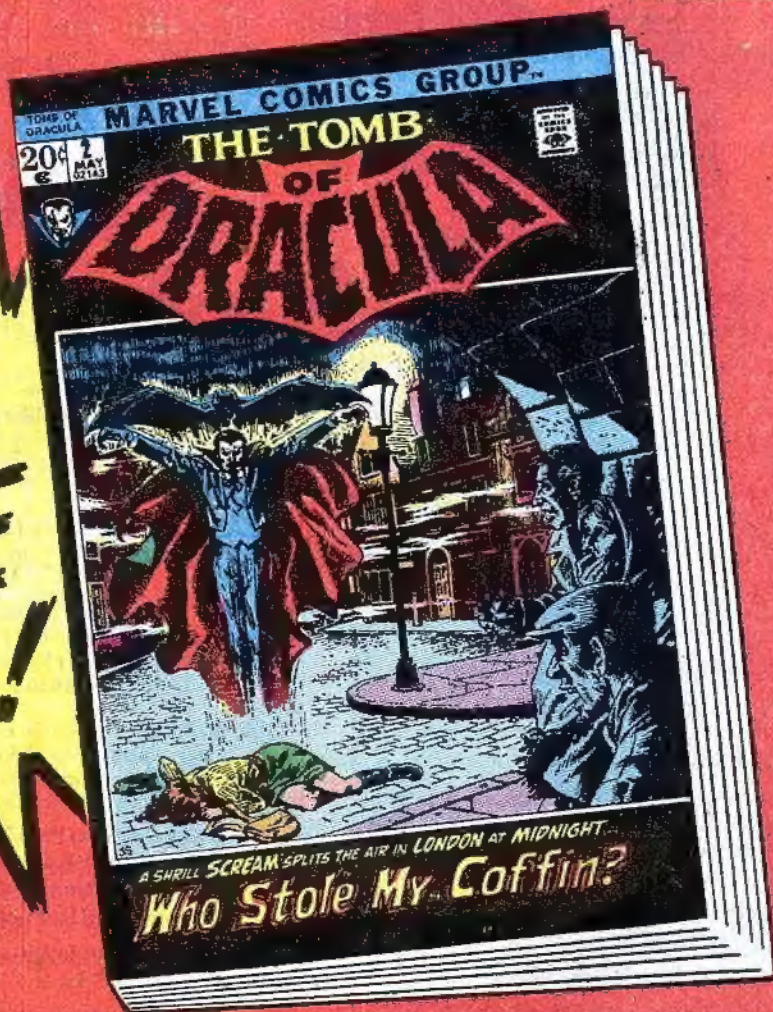
HERO FOR HIRE #1: A wee bit late — but well worth the wait! Get in on the ground floor on this one, pilgrim! It's gonna be big!

COMBAT KELLY AND THE DEADLY DOZEN #1: The wildest, woolliest gang of G.I.'s this side of the hard-hitting Howlers! To believe it — see it!

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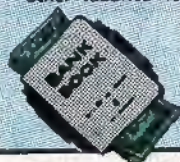
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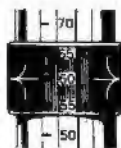
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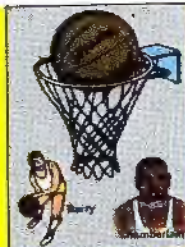
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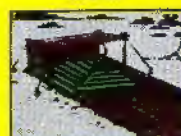
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